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Laura Jean Forrester, a fifth-year NSCAD University student, works on a ceramic flower garden for a public art installation at the new RBC Waterside Centre in downtown Halifax on Thursday. The art was unveiled during the building's official grand opening on Thursday evening. See story, page 5. JEFF HARPER/METRO

N.S. pharmacist sours on selling sugary drinks

Fizzing out. Graham MacKenzie didn't want clients walking past items he'd told them to stay away from



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A pharmacist in Cape Breton is no longer selling soft drinks or other sugary beverages in his store, saying as a health professional he can't condone the sale of one of the top contributing substances to child obesity.

Graham MacKenzie announced the change Thursday, saying it's time for him and his team at Stone's Pharmasave in Baddeck to back up the advice they give clients in one-on-one consultations.

Quoted

"I hope that this, if nothing else, starts a dialogue around sugar drinks.... Hopefully, it might help stimulate people in other communities or in his community to take similar actions." Chief Public Health Officer Dr. Robert Strang

"We were telling people, 'Stay away completely from pop and stay away from juice,'" he said. "In all good conscience, we could not be having people walk by these things as they're walking out the door."

MacKenzie said he'll be taking a look at everything he sells, including chocolate bars and chips, but said sugary drinks like fruit juices and Vitaminwater were first to go because of how widely parents give them to kids.

"If you look at kids' snacks when they're in school, it's not often you'll find a chocolate

bar, but you will find fruit juice, you might even find pop," he said. "Obesity is just too great and we're now in a generation where kids will start dying before their parents."

MacKenzie announced the change on the store's Facebook page and Twitter account, and said the response on Thursday was positive.

Nova Scotia's Chief Public Officer of Health Dr. Robert Strang was on board too, saying MacKenzie deserved to be "commended and congratulated" for taking an important step.

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DRONE-EYE VIEW

Flying a drone near London, England, a YouTube user captured footage of what appears to be a partly constructed Millennium Falcon cloaked in a tarpaulin on the set of Star Wars Episode VII.

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MARS MISSION

NASA's Curiosity rover has reached the base of Mount Sharp, its destination since landing on Mars two years ago. Officials say drilling could begin as early as next week.

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NFL PROBE

Two NFL owners overseeing the investigation into how the league handled evidence in the Ray Rice domestic violence case have pledged to make the findings public.

Singing all the way to the red carpet at AFF 2014

Reels get rolling.

Psychological thriller Elephant Song kicks off Atlantic Film Festival with 'layers and layers of humanity'

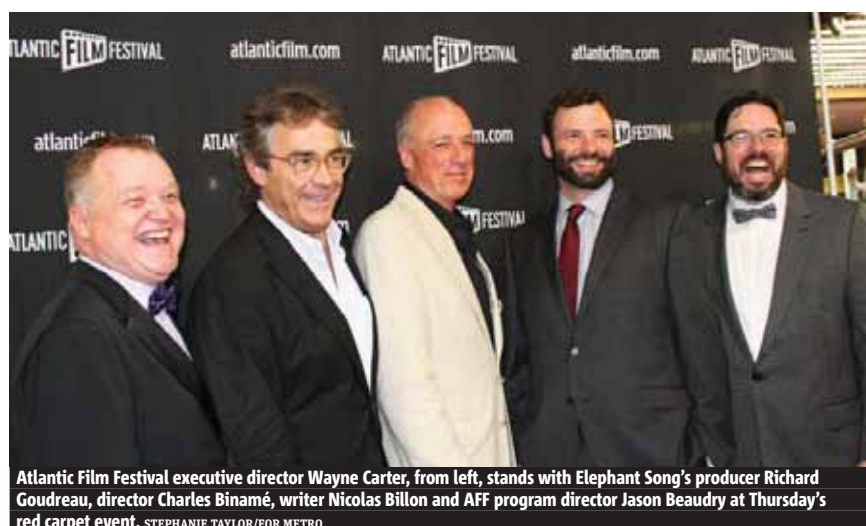
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The sky may have been cloudy and grey, but a little rain couldn't dampen the excitement on the red carpet at opening night of the 34th annual Atlantic Film Festival.

High-heeled women and men clad in bow ties descended upon the Dalhousie Arts Centre in Halifax Thursday evening to celebrate the festival's kickoff and see the highly anticipated premiere film, Elephant Song.

"I'm honoured that Elephant Song is the opening-night film," said the movie's writer, Nicolas Billon, who was joined at the gala by the film's producer Richard Goudreau and director Charles Binamé.



Atlantic Film Festival executive director Wayne Carter, from left, stands with Elephant Song's producer Richard Goudreau, director Charles Binamé, writer Nicolas Billon and AFF program director Jason Beaudry at Thursday's red carpet event. STEPHANIE TAYLOR/FOR METRO

Unfortunately, Xavier Dolan, one of the film's leading stars who was expected to attend the festival, cancelled at the last minute due to business plans in Montreal, said a festival spokesperson.

The crowd at Thursday's gala were among the first to see the film since it made its

world debut Wednesday night at the Toronto International Film Festival.

"It's been a very busy 48 hours," Billon said.

The film, set in the 1960s, is a psychological thriller that tells the story of a psychiatrist (Bruce Greenwood) who uncovers a dark secret when he ques-

tions a patient (Xavier Dolan) about a colleague's disappearance.

"There's layers and layers and layers of humanity," Binamé said, describing the film as an experience that audiences will have to see for themselves.

"For anyone who's inter-

Movie marathon

8

The number of days the Atlantic Film Festival is running. It wraps Sept. 18.

ested in the human, they will have a full plate of things to contemplate," he said. "It's really, really brilliant writing."

The film is adapted from a play Billon wrote more than 10 years ago, re-written for the screen to explore the relationships between characters more in depth.

But even after more than a decade with the same story, Billon says he isn't sick of his characters yet.

"I really love these characters, all of them. It's like being home after being away for a little bit," he said.

Besides celebrating the success of his film, Binamé said he's just thrilled to be back to the East Coast.

"I dearly love Maritimers," he said. "We eat lots of good stuff and we drink lots of good drinks."

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Cut the suds while you cut the hair, barbershops told

'Grey area' Two shops asked to stop offering complimentary beer to its clients



HALEY RYAN

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Two Halifax barbershops have been told to cut it when it comes to beer.

Mark Peyton, owner of Sailor Bup's Barbershop, had a visit from a Halifax Regional Police officer Wednesday who said there had been a complaint that the Sackville Street shop was selling liquor without a license.

"We thought we were doing what we were told it was OK to do," Peyton said Thursday from the old-school barbershop, where he has now jokingly stocked a fridge with 0.5 per cent beer.

Before the shop opened in

Quoted

"It's disappointing."

Rob Oxner, owner of Saint Lou's Gentleman Barbershop

January, Peyton said he had checked with the province about offering alcohol as a gift to his clients, and was told he could as long as he followed rules such as checking for ID and not offering beer before noon.

"I'm not out to run a bar," Peyton said. "It was purely a customer service thing, and it was a way of saying 'Thank you.'"

Social media erupted Thursday with many Haligonians calling the move by Halifax police unfair in light of some local salons and massage places that have offered complimentary wine in the past.

But Halifax police spokeswoman Const. Holly Tooke said those establishments have to

have a type of liquor license to offer anything, and the officer was enforcing Section 78 of the Liquor Control Act which states no person shall "barter, or offer to sell liquor or in consideration of the purchase or transfer of any property, or for any other consideration."

Peyton added there seems to be a "grey area" when it comes to offering beer samples in a private business, something Rob Oxner said he thought he was doing properly.

Oxner, owner of Saint Lou's Gentleman Barbershop in Halifax's Historic Properties, also had police ask him to stop offering beer on Wednesday. Oxner said he thought everything was fine because the liquor was consumed in a private business.

"The police officer ... said that he deems it a public space, so that's where we have to clarify whether it is," Oxner said, adding he will be looking into a liquor license with his lawyer.

"I'm hopeful that we'll all be able to do it again."



Mark Peyton, owner of Sailor Bup's Barbershop, poses with a "near beer" in the chair between customers on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Police looking for driver after girl was struck by a car in Sackville

Halifax RCMP are looking for help in identifying a male driver who injured a 10-year-old girl in a hit and run accident in Lower Sackville on Monday.

Police say the girl was struck while she was crossing Gledale Drive near Metropolitan Avenue with her friends around 3 p.m. Police say the children

were not using a crosswalk, but that traffic had stopped to let them pass.

The girl was reportedly hit on the right side on her body and was knocked to the ground, but did not suffer any serious injuries.

She was taken to the Cobeguid Community Health Cen-

tre, where she was treated for whiplash, scrapes and bruises.

Police say the male driver of a small silver car stopped briefly, but did not report the incident.

A small child and dog were also in the vehicle at the time of the incident.

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Driver's identity

Investigators are asking any witnesses or people with information on the driver's identity to contact the RCMP at 902-864-6000.

Hantsport. Potentially lethal drugs stolen: Police

RCMP in Windsor are seeking the public's help in identifying the suspects who stole a large amount of potentially lethal drugs during a pharmacy robbery Monday.

Officers responded to a call for a break and enter at Conch-rane's Pharmasave in Hantsport around 2:20 a.m. on Sept. 8.

RCMP reported that a safe containing a substantial

amount of narcotics, including powdered methadone was stolen.

Police warn that if misused, these drugs can be deadly, even in a small amount.

Investigators are asking people to contact the RCMP or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 with any information on the identity of the suspects.

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New RBC Waterside Centre 'a spectacular building'

'Really striking.'
Downtown Halifax's
latest building home
to bank, law firms

Daylight streams through floor-to-ceiling windows at the new RBC Waterside Centre overlooking the Halifax Harbour, hitting brand new lunchrooms, high-tech meeting spaces and open office areas on Thursday.

Lori Smith, RBC spokeswoman, watched the ferry go by from the ninth floor and said most of the employees are finding working with mostly natural light during the day "really striking."

"I think it's a spectacular building. It's got to be one of the nicest buildings ... in the city," Smith said.

The bank made a "smooth"



Lori Smith, manager of public affairs for RBC Atlantic Canada, gives a tour of one of the new meeting rooms in the new RBC Waterside Centre home on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

transition from their former George Street location one weekend in early August to take up three-and-a-half floors plus the ground floor of the Waterside Centre, Smith said.

She added that RBC wanted to keep the regional headquarters in downtown Halifax where its roots are, and be part of the area's "revitalization."

"There's a lot of activity going on down here, so it's a good feeling," Smith said. Scott McCrae, CEO of The Armour Group Ltd., said other tenants in the nine-storey building in-

clude Ernst & Young, Torys LLP law firm, Venor Search Group, and Optimum Talent.

McCrae said the Armour Group, who built Founders Square and Historic Proper-

ties, built the Waterside Centre to LEED Gold standards and preserved the historic brick exteriors of its first three floors — which date from pre-Confederation times and were home to Imperial Oil, dentists, and haberdasheries.

"We're a place that's anchored to our history and proud of it, but hopefully looking forward," McCrae said.

Bringing a new building like the Waterside Centre into the downtown helps "ground you," because it's obvious you're in the heart of Halifax.

"It's not L.A., it's not places that don't have that kind of depth of history that we have," McCrae said.

"It gives you a sense of place and a sense of who you are."

The official grand opening for the Waterside Centre was held on Thursday evening.

HALEY RYAN/METRO

Worker seriously injured after fall at construction site

A man in his 40s was rushed to hospital with serious injuries after taking a fall from a construction site in Dartmouth Thursday afternoon.

Halifax police spokesperson Const. Holly Tooke said they received a call that an ambulance has been dispatched to a construction site on Baker Drive around 1:46 p.m., to treat a worker

who had fallen from a first story building.

She said the man was taken to Halifax's QEII hospital with serious head injuries, but was conscious.

Since the case is not criminal, police say they have handed the matter over to the Department of Labour to continue the investigation. METRO



The scene of Thursday's accident. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Don't Be Afraid

Scott Jones to rappel down Halifax building

Scott Jones is hoping to help spread the message of Don't Be Afraid next month as he rappels 23 storeys from the top of Halifax's tallest commercial building as part of Easter Seals Nova Scotia's Drop Zone fundraiser.

Jones, who is openly gay, was brutally stabbed in the back twice and had his throat slashed last October in New Glasgow, in what some believe was a hate crime.

Jones, who is now a

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Scott's Don't Be Afraid team has raised more than \$10,000 toward its overall fundraising goal of \$30,000.

paraplegic, is joining forces with Easter Seals Nova Scotia to promote inclusion, acceptance, and the conquering of fears.

The rappel is at 1801 Hollis St.

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Dartmouth

Sheriff assaulted after altercation in courtroom

Police are investigating after a sheriff was assaulted inside a Dartmouth provincial courtroom on Thursday.

Halifax Regional Police spokeswoman Holly Tooke confirmed officers were called to the courthouse at 11:20 a.m. after there was "an altercation" inside one of the courtrooms.

She said it was too early to tell who assaulted the sheriff. METRO

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Mother of terrorist hopes to spare others her pain

ISIS fighter. Yarmouth County woman opens up about the 'hellish world' she entered

When Christianne Boudreau learned the truth — that her son was not in Egypt studying Arabic but was instead fighting in Syria — she did what only a mother could.

She worried for his safety.

She watched videos from the region, scanning all of the faces on the screen, looking for any glimpse of her son Damian Clairmont.

"I completely immersed myself in that hellish world of Syria and all of the fighting," she says.

It was a world away from Wedgeport, Yarmouth Co., the place where Boudreau grew up and where her son Damian was a typical happy-go-lucky kid.

They had fallen out of communication after he left Canada in autumn 2012 — his choice, not hers.

And so for a long time her questions went unanswered. Her concerns grew, especially when the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) arrived at her door, telling her that her son was in Syria.

Weeks turned to two



Christianne Boudreau, formerly of Wedgeport, Yarmouth County, and her son Damian Clairmont. This photo was taken before her son turned to extremism and left Canada for Syria. He was killed there in January while fighting for a terrorist group. CONTRIBUTED

months before she finally heard from her son again.

"We started talking again, every two or three days. I confronted him, saying, 'The country code on the phone number

I'm calling is a Syrian country code.'... And then he admitted where he was."

Of course the question was: Why? She may never fully understand.



What is known is that Boudreau wants to spare others the pain she and her family have endured.

Her son — a Muslim convert who took on the name

Mustafa al-Gharib — was killed by Free Syrian Army forces in January while fighting with Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) militants. He was 22.

It is one thing to grieve for

Scorn

"You should see some of the comments that people make, without even knowing who we are.... 'Good, I'm glad he's dead. He was a terrorist anyway.'"

Christianne Boudreau



Damian Clairmont in his younger years at Christmas. CONTRIBUTED

a child, but to grieve for a child now labelled a terrorist took on a whole different meaning. Boudreau mourned while struggling to come to terms with how and why he became a jihadi.

Now Boudreau wants to reach out to families all over the world who are horrified and confused by the path their children have taken. She's doing this by forming an international mothers group.

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Unwanted house guests in spare room a buzz kill

Making their house a hive. Tens of thousands of bees move into walls of Weymouth home

A Weymouth North couple found a beehive in the walls of their home and more bees inside a spare room.

Garnet and Gail Melanson first noticed the swarm of bees on the back of their home Tuesday afternoon.

"I wasn't sure at first what they were and my wife is terrified of hornets and wasps so I started to try and get rid of them," Garnet said. "It was a bit unnerving to see hundreds of bees buzzing around out back."

When they realized they were dealing with honeybees, they called Andrea Smith and Rowena LeRoy.

Smith, who is completing her training as an apiarist, or beekeeper, and LeRoy came



Gail Melanson and her husband Garnet are relieved the swarm of honeybees in their home are being taken care of. DIGBY COURIER

around suppertime Wednesday with Paula Mullen and Norman Hopkins to search for the queen bee.

While they were gathering bees off the back wall, Smith noticed the bees had crawled up into a space around the door frame.

"There were quite a few bees buzzing around the back of the house but when Norman removed a piece of plywood I was not expecting to see so many bees," Smith said.

Smith couldn't reach up into the framing to get at all the bees and was starting to

wonder how far into the house they were, when the Melansons' son Jason discovered more bees above the door in a spare bedroom.

The team worked carefully to remove the honeycombs, hoping the queen bee was in one of them and then collected as many of the bees as they could.

They used a non-toxic smoker to calm the bees down.

"We were being intrusive, tearing down their home so the smoke served to mask the bees' alarm sense," said Smith.

They put the bees into an empty hive with 10 frames, two of which had honey.

"If we got the queen in the hive then the other bees would follow," Smith said. "We couldn't collect all the bees, so we left the hive at the Melansons and will know if we have her in the next few days."

The Melansons sealed off the upstairs room until Smith could return Thursday to let them out. DIGBY COURIER

Party on. Preparations in full swing for Aerosmith and Slash in Sydney

One of the biggest names in hard rock history will descend on Sydney Friday night.

Aerosmith will headline the inaugural Cape Fest 2014 concert at Open Hearth Park as part of their Let Rock Rule tour.

Legendary guitarist Slash, featuring Myles Kennedy and the Conspirators, is also set to appear, while the Trews, Slowcoaster and Breton Rock are among the opening acts.

The show begins at 2 p.m., but Cape Breton Regional Police will close streets around

the concert site at noon Friday. Ferry Street will be blocked from Spar Road to the Ferry Street bridge, and Stable Drive will be blocked between Ferry Street and Cape Breton Street.

There are also parking restrictions in effect on roads outside the concert site perimeter, and police are warning that parked vehicles will be towed.

Aerosmith's last appearance in Atlantic Canada was in 2012 at the Salmon Festival in Grand Falls-Windsor.

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Fijian UN peacekeepers returned safely by Syrian militant group

Safe and sound. After two weeks of captivity, UN troops released to safety by Syria's Nusra Front militant faction

Al-Qaida-linked Syrian militants on Thursday released all 45 Fijian peacekeepers they had held captive for two weeks, bringing an end to a crisis that ensnared the UN monitoring force in the chaos of Syria's civil war.

Fighters from the Nusra Front captured the Fijian troops Aug. 28 on the Syrian-controlled side of Golan Heights, a disputed buffer zone between Israel and Syria.

The peacekeepers are reported to have been returned in good condition and were undergoing quick medical exams, a UN statement said.

UN Golan Heights mission

The UN's Golan Heights mission began in 1974, a year after the Arab-Israeli war.

- **Israel seizes territory.** Israel took Golan from Syria in 1967, a contentious point for Syria in past peace talks.
- **Allied countries.** The UN Golan Heights peace-keeping force consists of troops from Fiji, India, Ireland, Nepal, Netherlands and the Philippines.

The hostage crisis raised questions about the future of the UN's decades-old Golan mission, with participating nations threatening to pull their troops from Syria due to the escalating violence.

UN Deputy Spokesman



This image, from a video posted on a militant group's social media account Thursday, depicts a few of the 45 captive UN peacekeepers who were released later that day, a promise the militant group made in the video. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Farhan Haq said they were released on the Syrian side of the Quneitra crossing point near Israel into Israeli-controlled Golan territory. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon welcomed

the peacekeepers' release and thanked all involved in securing their return. One unidentified peacekeeper expressed relief upon being released.

"We're all very happy to be

safe and alive," he told Israel's Channel Two news.

The Fijians' release came mere hours after the Nusra Front posted a video online depicting the captured peace-

Relieved and free

"We're all very happy to be safe and alive."

One of the unidentified 45 Fijian UN peacekeepers, following their release from captivity Thursday

keepers sitting cross-legged in the background as two members of the militant group delivered a short message in Arabic.

In the video the two Nusra Front members described the Fijians' capture from their perspective, while reaffirming their promise not to harm any of the soliders.

"We've been informed that we will be released soon, and we are all very happy to be going home," one of the UN troops said in the video before being released, adding that they were all alive and well.

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ISIS. U.S. may find itself in 'a tricky situation' in striking at Islamic group

In expanding its airstrikes into Syria against extremists from the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS), the U.S. may entangle itself in a storm of jihadis and rebel rivalries.

Unlike Iraq, Syria offers the U.S. no firm allies to take over areas if fighters from ISIS are pushed back. Unless the West decisively backs the outgunned moderate rebels, it risks the unintended consequence of prolonging the widely discredited rule of President Bashar Assad.

U.S. President Barack Obama said Wednesday that in the fight against ISIS, his country "cannot rely on an Assad regime that terrorizes its own people — a regime that will never regain the legitimacy it has lost."

"Instead, we must strengthen the opposition as the best counterweight to extremists like ISIL, while pursuing the political solution necessary to solve Syria's crisis once and for all," Obama said, referring to ISIS by another of its acronyms.

But to do so is complicated. In the northern and eastern parts of Syria where ISIS controls territory, the region



U.S. President Barack Obama
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is war-torn following three years of conflict, ripe with various loyalties and rivalries.

Further complicating any efforts, ISIS may be hiding assets and fighters among civilians, making it difficult for the U.S. to carry out military actions.

"A tricky situation is going to be how the U.S. will ensure that it is only ISIS targets that are hit, rather than civilians and others," said Haras Rafiq of the Quilliam Foundation, a London-based think-tank.

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Syria

Airstrike on ISIS-run region kills 11

Syrian government airstrikes, including one on a crowded sheep market, killed at least 11 people on Thursday in a northern town controlled by the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS), activists said.

After largely ignoring the rise of the al-Qaida splinter group over the past year, President Bashar Assad's air force has begun to target ISIS militants more regularly since the extremist faction seized control of much of northern Syria and a large part of neighbouring Iraq in June. Two activist groups, the Aleppo Media Center and the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, said Thursday's air raids struck the town of al-Bab in Aleppo province.

Al-Bab is one of the ISIS strongholds in Aleppo province, where the extremists have been chipping away at territory long-held by Syria's mainstream rebels.

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Oscar Pistorius cleared of murder, but prison time still a possibility

South Africa. Olympian may be found guilty of culpable homicide, as judge says he 'acted too hastily and with excessive force' on night his girlfriend was killed

The judge in Oscar Pistorius' trial ruled out a murder conviction for the double-amputee Olympian Thursday in the shooting death of his girlfriend, but said he was negligent, raising the possibility he'll be convicted of culpable homicide.

The verdict is expected on Friday when Judge Thokozile Masipa reconvenes the judgment phase, climaxing the trial that



Oscar Pistorius cries in court in Pretoria, South Africa, Thursday, as Judge Thokozile Masipa delivers her verdict in his trial. The judge ruled out a murder conviction, but said he was negligent, raising the possibility he'll be convicted of culpable homicide. PHIL MAGAKOE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

began in March.

If Pistorius is acquitted

of murder, he could still be sent to jail for a maximum

of 15 years if convicted of culpable homicide. Masipa,

sitting in the dais and looking down at Pistorius and the packed courtroom, said she felt Pistorius acted negligently when he fired four times through a bathroom door in his home in the pre-dawn hours of Valentine's Day last year.

"I am of the view that the accused acted too hastily and with excessive force," Masipa said of Pistorius' actions on the fatal night. She said the prosecution had not proven beyond a reasonable doubt that Pistorius committed premeditated murder. She also ruled out a lesser murder charge. As she spoke, Pistorius began sobbing quietly on the wooden bench, his shoulders shaking.

"Did the accused fail to take steps he should have taken? Yes," Masipa said. "He failed to take any steps

Fateful night

The world-famous athlete has acknowledged firing the shots through the bathroom door in his home, hitting Steenkamp in the head, arm and hip area with hollow-point bullets from his 9mm pistol.

- He said he mistook her for an intruder and denied murder, but the judge said Pistorius still could have taken other action instead, like calling the police or security at his housing estate.

to avoid the death."

If Pistorius is convicted on any charge, the case will be postponed until a later sentencing hearing.

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'Grouchy and hungry' miners all brought safely to surface

It took more than a day, but the last of 96 miners forced into shelters by fire and smoke at a Saskatchewan potash mine were finally brought to the surface Thursday night.

"We've got everyone out of the mine," said company spokesman Bill Johnson. "Certainly they were hungry

and ready to be up on surface."

He said the fire at Potash Corp. of Saskatchewan's Allan mine near Saskatoon started in the engine of an underground water truck on Wednesday afternoon.

Emergency workers spent the next eight hours putting out flames and clearing

ing smoke while the miners waited in refuge stations and sealed-off passageways.

About half made it safely to the surface overnight, before a power outage stopped some underground fans in one area from clearing smoke.

The outage prevented the others from leaving, and cut phone service to the shelters.

"Typically it doesn't take nearly this long to clear the smoke," Johnson said. "A mine is hundreds of miles of tunnels — if you don't have fans to push the air along, it takes longer for smoky air to dissipate."

"We have a pretty strict set of protocols when something like this happens, and

sometimes it takes a little longer than you would like."

The miners, spread across a vast network of tunnels, made it to refuge stations or used special curtains or "brattice" to seal themselves into dead-end sections.

While the stations are stocked with food and water, those in sealed passageways

had only the lunch pails they brought with them, said St. Pierre.

All had been below since their shift started at 7 a.m. Wednesday.

St. Pierre spoke with some workers after they were released, and said they were "grouchy and hungry."

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A Kashmiri flood-affected woman holds onto bananas as volunteers distribute relief material in Srinagar, Indian-controlled Kashmir on Thursday. Flash floods have killed hundreds, washed away crops, damaged tens of thousands of homes and affected more than a million people in both India and Pakistan. ALTAF QADRI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Death toll at least 461 as floods overwhelm Kashmir and Punjab

Military aid. Pakistan saves thousands by boat and helicopter; India drops food for hundreds of thousands

Pakistani troops used helicopters and boats to remove thousands of marooned people from the country's plains where raging monsoon floods inundated more villages Thursday, as the Indian military dropped food for hundreds of thousands of people marooned in flood-hit areas of Indian-held Kashmir. Pakistani and Indian officials said the death toll had reached 461 in the two countries.

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since Sept. 3, when heavy monsoon rains lashed Pakistan's eastern Punjab province and Kashmir, the Himalayan region claimed by both India and Pakistan.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif visited the Pakistan-administered portion of Kashmir on Thursday and told flood victims that his government would do whatever it can to rebuild their damaged homes. "I am grieved over the deaths caused by the floods," he said in a televised speech.

Ahmad Kamal, a spokesman for Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority, said 261 people have been killed and 482 injured in Pakistan. "The situation is still alarming as flood waters are entering the country's plains in the Jhang district, inundating more villages and affecting thousands," he said.

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On the ground

- The Pakistani military said it was expanding relief operations in Punjab, where the Chenab River overflowed. Troops in helicopters and boats evacuated 4,000 more people from Jhang, it said. Authorities said high floods were likely to reach the southern Sindh province later this week.
- In India, officials said Thursday 80 army and air force transport aircraft and helicopters were dropping drinking water, biscuits, baby food and food packets for hundreds of thousands of marooned people in the Indian-controlled portion of Kashmir.

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Trans Mountain. Burnaby says suit not about blocking pipeline survey work

The City of Burnaby, B.C., insists it's not attempting to block Kinder Morgan from conducting survey work related to the Trans Mountain pipeline, but instead only wants its bylaws followed.

Burnaby and Kinder Morgan have been escalating their dispute over the proposed expansion of the pipeline, with the city citing the company for cutting down trees on Burnaby Mountain, east of Vancouver.

The company has asked

the National Energy Board to order Burnaby to stop blocking its access to the site, pointing to another energy board ruling last month that said the Kinder Morgan could proceed over the city's objections.

The city says in a letter to the energy board that it respects the company's rights under federal law, but it says the National Energy Board ruling doesn't exempt the company from complying with bylaws that protect trees

and parkland.

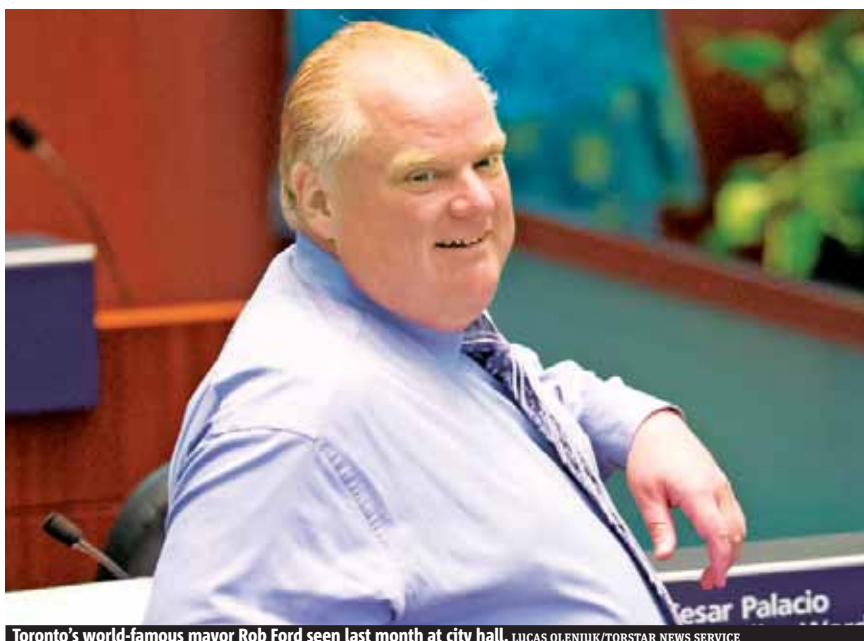
The city filed a lawsuit in B.C. Supreme Court this week and it says the energy board should put the issue on hold until the court process plays out.

Burnaby has been a vocal opponent of the expansion of the Trans Mountain pipeline, particularly after the company changed its proposed route to tunnel through Burnaby Mountain, which is home to a conservation area.

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A city worker who asked to not be identified sits in the Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area, at the site where Kinder Morgan workers cut down trees recently in Burnaby, B.C., on Wednesday. DARYL DICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS



Toronto's world-famous mayor Rob Ford seen last month at city hall. LUCAS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Rob Ford's biopsy results in a week

Abdominal tumour.

Toronto mayor's political future in limbo as he awaits results of a biopsy

Toronto's Mount Sinai hospital says the results of the biopsy of a tumour found in Mayor Rob Ford's abdomen will not be known for another week.

The 45-year-old politician was first hospitalized Wednesday after seeking treatment for "unbearable" abdominal pain.

MRI set for Friday

Friday is also the deadline for Ford to withdraw from the race for mayor, if he decides to, and also the deadline if his brother Doug decides to enter the race.

- A gastroenterologist from Australia said doctors are likely considering colorectal cancer.

dominal pain.

Doctors found a "fair-sized"

tumour in his abdomen.

Dr. Zane Cohen, a colorectal surgeon at Mount Sinai Hospital, said Ford is resting comfortably and has some pain, for which he's receiving medication.

Ford has until 2 p.m. Friday to withdraw his name from the ballot should he decide to do so, while any new candidates have the same deadline to file their papers.

Ford had abdominal surgery in 2009 to remove a tumour on his appendix.

His father, Doug Ford Sr., died of colon cancer in 2006.

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Domestic assault

Rice zapped by his high school

Ray Rice's suburban New York high school has removed his NFL jersey from its wall of fame.

The Journal News reports that New Rochelle High School also removed a placard honouring Rice from a hallway.

The Baltimore Ravens released Rice, and the NFL suspended him indefinitely on Monday after video surfaced of him punching his then-fiancée. Athletic director Steve Young says removing the jersey sends a message: "Actions like this have consequences."

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Great friends. South Korea's president to visit Canada later this month

South Korean President Park Geun-hye will make a state visit to Canada Sept. 20 to 22. It's the first such visit by a Korean president since 1999.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says he and Park will discuss the Canada-Korea free trade agreement (tabled in the Commons in June), and developments in the Asia-Pacific region.

Korea is a major Asia trading partner for Canada, with total merchandise trade between the two countries estimated at \$10.8 billion in 2013. THE CANADIAN PRESS



South Korea's President Park Geun-hye. AHN YOUNG-JOON/CP/AP



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Study blames brain chemical for risk-taking

Dopamine. University of B.C. research shows 'feel good' chemical behind decisions to steal a base in baseball or buy or sell stocks



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Choosing to stay or fold in a game of cards is a risky decision that could be influenced by a chemical in the brain.

That's the latest finding from a University of B.C. study that revealed the rise and fall of dopamine, sometimes called the "feel good" chemical, plays a key role in decisions involving risk and reward, like investors choosing to buy or sell stocks on Wall Street or baseball players deciding to steal a base.

Senior author Stan Floresco, a professor in UBC's department of psychology, said the findings show dopamine plays an important role in everyday decisions.

"It gives us insight into how this fundamental transmitter, which is involved in reward, in movement, in cognition, is playing a relatively rapid role in guiding our behaviour on a moment to moment basis," he said.

Floresco said the study's findings could help scientists better understand how dopamine influences conditions like problem gambling, drug addiction and schizophrenia.

"Dysfunction of this system has been identified in a number of neuropsychiatric disorders," he said. "It gives us insight into how this system works so we might have better understandings of what happens when it's not working so well."

The study was published Thursday in the peer-reviewed journal *Neuron*.



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Scientists unveil bizarre 50-foot water-dwelling dinosaur

University of Chicago Paleontologist Paul C. Sereno stands in front of a 50-foot life-size model of a Spinosaurus at the National Geographic Society exhibit in Washington, Wednesday. The first non-bird dinosaur, which lived much of the time in water, was a cross between the fearsome creatures of Jurassic Park and the shark from *Jaws*, with a crocodile snout as big as a person and feet like a duck. The bizarre beast was already known to scientists from a long-ago fossil discovery, but most of those bones were destroyed during World War II. Now, 70 years later, a new skeleton found in Morocco reveals that the beast was far more aquatic than originally thought. PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quake warning. 50 B.C. schools get new sensors

New earthquake detectors could buy some B.C. students precious seconds to get to safety before the ground starts shaking.

Program leader Prof. Carlos Ventura of the University of B.C. said as little as five seconds could make a difference, if it allows students a chance to duck under a desk.

Ventura, who's the director of the Earthquake Engineering Research Facility at UBC, said the detectors could give up to 40 seconds notice

before a quake hits.

Sensors are being placed on the grounds of 50 Catholic and two public schools in the Lower Mainland as part of a pilot project funded by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese and the provincial government, Ventura said.

British Columbia is on a fault line and earthquake readiness has been an ongoing concern. Scientists have predicted the province is due for a major ground-shaker.

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Rare catch. Calico lobster turns up at Maine store

The owner of a Maine bait and tackle shop says she found a rare calico-coloured lobster that was caught off the state's coast. Sarah Lane says the crustacean, covered in orange blotches, appeared in a crate of lobsters brought from Bristol last weekend. The University of Maine says the odds of finding one are about one in 30 million.

Lane named the lobster "Freckles." She says the lobster will be donated to the Maine State Aquarium in



A calico lobster, top, and a normal lobster sit in a bin at Bethel Bait Tackle & More in Bethel, Maine.
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No shortage of can-do spirit during Kickstarter's first year

Happy anniversary. Crowdfunding website marks a successful Year 1 in Canada



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One year, 3,650 projects, 239,591 backers and \$24 million in pledges: That's the story of Kickstarter's first year in Canada.

Launched in the U.S. in 2009, the popular crowdfunding platform made itself available to Canuck fund-seekers on Sept. 9, 2013. Since then, the site has helped fund an average of 10 Canadian projects per day, ranging from a Corner Gas reboot to a high-tech hockey stick.

"When we launched ... we were available to anyone in the world in terms of backers, and early on Canada turned out to be a very active place where people were pledging money from," said Kickstarter spokesperson Justin Kazmark. "And Canada has a significant creative population, so expanding there was a natural fit."

The service has been a launching pad for Canadian companies, granting them access to international customers and capital. Although domestic support for Canadian projects is high, most ideas receive two-thirds of their funding from outside the country's borders.

"I think it signifies that internationally, people have an appetite for supporting creative ideas coming out of Canada," Kazmark said.

To date, the most-funded project on Canadian Kickstarter is Vanhawks' Valour bicycle, a "smart bike" made of carbon fibre and equipped with features like GPS and haptic feedback. The Ottawa-based company turned to Kickstarter last May and raised more than \$820,000.

"We were out there looking for funding to launch our bike, and Kickstarter allowed us to take a peek into the market and prove there's a massive demand out there," said Vanhawks co-founder Ali Zahid. "It's going to change the whole ecosystem of how people get funded and start companies in Canada."

Although they believed in their product, Zahid and his colleagues were still shocked at how quickly their Kickstarter

How to kick-start your Kickstarter



Canada's most-funded project is the Valour bicycle by Vanhawks. The bike, made of carbon fibre and featuring "performance tracking, security sensors and interactive feedback," raised \$820,083. Scan the photo with your Metro News app to see the top 10 most-funded projects in Kickstarter's first year in Canada. CONTRIBUTED

1 Do your homework. Before Vanhawks launched their Kickstarter campaign, company co-founder Ali Zahid said he spent three months immersed on the platform, analyzing what worked and what didn't. "Kickstarter became a religion," he said.

2 Make a video. "You don't need a video to launch a project, but most successful ones

have a video," Kickstarter spokesman Justin Kazmark said, "often with the creator in front of the camera."

3 Tell a story that involves your backers. "Successful projects on Kickstarter, regardless of geography, tell a compelling story.... They articulate what you're trying to bring to life and how backers can join you on that journey," said Kazmark.

The Vanhawks team kept a blog throughout the process and Zahid even offered his cellphone number to backers in case they had questions or suggestions. "I used to get calls at 3 a.m., but people loved it," he said.

4 Be honest. "Our pitch wasn't some slick advertisement for a product. It was true to who we are," said Aesthetec Studio's Mark Argo. "We wanted to give

off this feeling that we're a small group of passionate makers and that this is an idea that's important to us.... And afterwards a lot of people commented that they liked the tone of our pitch and our video."

5 Be prepared to follow through. "Make sure it's something you love, because if you do get backed, you have to make it," Argo said.

took off.

"It was a crazy experience," he said. "I didn't sleep for two weeks. We got so many press requests and questions that my phone died in the first 10 minutes."

Another Canadian success story is Aesthetec Studio's Little Robot Friends, a set of cute, anthropomorphic circuit boards that help teach people about electronics and computer programming. The project attracted more than 1,300 backers from 49 different countries,

and raised more than \$123,000.

Aesthetec's Mark Argo said that, like Vanhawks, Kickstarter allowed his company to gauge demand for their product, but more importantly, it let them bring that product to market in a way they were comfortable with.

"We wanted to do it right the first time, and worry about making money off it later," Argo said. "With a lot of tech products, the way you make money is to outsource as much as possible ... to places like

China. But when you have this upfront source of risk-free money, it gives you the motivation — and the ability — to deliver the best thing you possibly can."

"And if that means using more expensive local labour and materials, then so be it." As a result, every Little Robot Friend is hand-built in Toronto, using local materials from factories that Argo and his colleagues have visited.

Like Zahid, Argo believes Kickstarter can help Canadian

companies achieve success without leaving home.

"There's tons of talented people here, but a lot of them have to flee the country to find opportunity," he said. "But we found that we can make something here locally in Canada, enjoy the benefits of living here and still reach a global community.... We might not be able to sell 50,000 robots in Canada, but spread that around the globe and I'm sure there's 50 niche communities willing to buy 1,000 robots."

In review

One year of quirky projects



Soviet Bus Stops

\$51,831 raised. Vancouver photographer Christopher Herwig presents a collection of photos of Soviet-era bus stops.



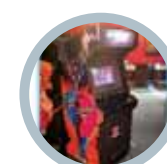
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Starwhal

\$24,450 raised. A video game about narwhals fighting in space. Its subtitle is Just the Tip.



Half-Cat

\$14,349 raised. A work of fiction about a famed scientist Erwin Hobbes takes on the phenomenon of rare bipedal cats.

Yea to smaller basic service, nay to price cap: Rogers

CRTC hearings. Rogers Communications also told Canada's broadcast regulator any smaller package should include channels from the U.S.

While predicting a sea change in how Canadians get their TV programming, one of the country's biggest cable-service providers rejects the idea of allowing viewers to pay for television channels one at a time.

Rogers Communications has told the country's broadcast regulator it agrees with a proposal to offer its customers a smaller basic service.

But it says the price for that service should not be capped and it should include channels

from the major American TV networks, not just the Canadian ones.

Rogers' presentation to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission on Thursday highlighted the growing divergence among cable and satellite TV service providers on how to reshape the television landscape.

It also helped to reveal the complexity of the job faced by the CRTC in figuring out how to regulate the broadcasting system while providing consumers with more choice and possibly lower costs.

Rogers said while it agrees with a proposal to offer a smaller basic service, it can't leave out the U.S. networks.

"Any small basic service Rogers offers must include ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX and PBS,"

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Rogers vice-president Pam Dinsmore told the commission. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Get those loonies ready — Dollarama set to expand

Discount retailer Dollarama says it plans to stick with its winning formula as it expands to 1,200 stores over the coming years by not offering more lower-margin grocery or pharmaceutical items. "For me, the future is the present. I'm very happy with our offering today," CEO Larry Rossy said Thursday, during a conference call to discuss its second-quarter results. Dollarama reported its profit increased 15.3 per cent from a year ago to \$68.8 million, on a 12 per cent boost in sales. The Montreal-based company said same-store sales — a key retail measure that reflects sales at stores that have been open for at least a year — were up 4.2 per cent year-over-year. Nearly two-thirds of sales came from products priced higher than \$1, up from 61.7 per cent a year ago. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Home Depot data breach may be one of the biggest ever

Home Depot's data breach could wind up being among the largest ever for a retailer.

It confirms a theft that could have gone back as far as April and affected customers who used credit and debit cards at nearly 2,200 of its U.S. and Canadian stores.

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Employers will save

Ottawa cuts EI premiums for small businesses

Ottawa will cut employment insurance premiums for small businesses for the next two years, a move it said will save employers more than \$550 million. The credit will reduce EI premiums to \$1.60 for every \$100 earned in 2015 and 2016. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

To woo businesses

BlackBerry bets on biz customers, buys Movirtu

BlackBerry Ltd. says its acquisition of London-based Movirtu will give its business customers the tools to easily set up "virtual identities" for employees, with separate personal and corporate phone numbers on a single mobile device. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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A SECOND MINI-ROYAL WE TO BE

In world news: God looked down upon the Earth and said, "These people are crazy!"

1 Baby-in-waiting. Prince William once again implanted his majestic seed within the Duchess of Cambridge. "Li'l Willie" was bursting with excitement over Kate's fertile blessing. But what of the grand lady who suffers of morning infirmities no servant can unburden? Alas, when the sentiment prevails, she is left alone to toss the royal cookies. Will his graciousness be there to bind her noble tresses? Will his band of oppressive autocrats grant her the rightful leave of maternity? Sorry, I just get caught up in this game of thrones. #RoyalBaby

2 Getting served. Serena Williams joined the ranks of Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert by winning her 18th #GrandSlam on Sunday. The two legends speculated that Williams would continue to smash every record in tennis. I agree.



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3 Knockout. Mike Tyson was in Toronto to promote his one-man show, The Undisputed Truth, but wasn't ready to face off with CP 24's Nathan Downer. From the bell, the host came out swinging, referring to the former champ as a convicted rapist. Tyson returned with a barrage of low blows, including unacceptable language on live TV. After the second warning, the towel was tossed and the man with the face tattoo was disqualified. Tyson received another blow with a poor showing at his debut, so the TKO goes to Downer, whose name has been uttered more in the last 24 hours than, well, ever.

4 Phablet Phever. Apple unleashed iPhone 6, and social media lit up with conflicting opinions about larger screen size. Then came the Apple Watch revelation, but techies say it's too small. I'm waiting for the day I'll need my Google Glass to see my Apple watch remind me to take my iPills so I can have sex with my iWife, smoke an e-cigarette,

and search my iPad for schedules to program on Apple TV before I take out my e-teeth, get under my iBlanket and go to sleep.

5 Son of a ... Adam Cohen, son of Canadian music icon Leonard, releases his new CD this week. The singer-songwriter is his own artist, but the quality of his voice is unmistakably patrimonial. Recorded partly at dad's long-standing vacation home on the Greek island of Hydra, and at Adam's childhood home in Montreal, he called it, We Go Home. Such inspiration is not lost on me as this column was written both here and in my villa on Mount Olympus. Catch the title track on YouTube. #WeGoHome

6 Can we talk? There was little privacy surrounding the "private" funeral held for Joan Rivers last Sunday. And that's probably just how Joan would have wanted it. The memorial looked like the Tonys with appearances by Hugh Jackman, Bernadette Peters, and Whoopi Goldberg. Except for the collective realization the world had lost an icon so impactful, she was there the first time you, your children, AND your parents ever turned on a TV. She will be missed.

Let's hear it for New York



Street artist Thierry Guetta poses for a portrait in front of the mural that he installed on the facade of the Century 21 department store in New York City. The store faces the World Trade Center where the 9/11 anniversary ceremony was held Thursday. MARK LENNIHAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

9/11 remembered amid a changing ground zero

Americans marked the 13th anniversary Thursday of the Sept. 11 terror attacks, with a New York ceremony held in new surroundings.

For the first time, the new National September 11 Museum

— which includes gut-wrenching artifacts and graphic photos of the attacks' anniversary. Fences have come down, integrating the site more fully with the streets, while completely opening it up to the public and camera-wielding tourists.

The ceremony itself would be familiar. A solemn reading of the names. Moments of silence to

mark the precise times of tragedy. Stifled sobs of those still mourning.

But much has changed since that fateful day in 2001. A new mayor is in office, one far less linked to the attacks and their aftermath than his immediate predecessors. And a nearly completed One World Trade Center has risen 1,776 feet.

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Quoted

"Some people forget this is a cemetery. I would never go to the Holocaust museum and take a selfie."

Nancy Nee, whose firefighter brother, George Cain, was killed in the attacks

MetroTube

Fun with lights and gravity



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Fun fact: Did you know that OK Go's video antics were once referred to as Rube Goldberg Devices? Weird, right? Anyway, Japanese tech company au has stripped out all that whiz-bang rock 'n' roll to plug their new fibre optic Internet service with just such a contraption, one entirely powered by light — with an assist from gravity, of course. (au/YouTube)



SCREENGRAB

Twitter

@metropicks asked: A bear cub was filmed 'dancing' around a golf flag on a course in B.C. What was your finest run-in with a wild thing?

@CorrieBanman: My Dad reached out the car window to pet a big horned sheep. It didn't like that, reared back & rammed the side of our car.

@Iam_Canadian: I got chased by a Momma bear while tree planting. Ran, lost a boot, continued to run until I reached 4 wheeler.

Join in on the conversation @metropicks.



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Crime drama 'drops' the plot

Reel Guys

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The Drop. Tom Hardy and James Gandolfini bring strong, nuanced acting to their roles, but it's not enough to save a tired story that seems full of holes

Richard: Steve, this is a boy-and-his-dog story, but it ain't Old Yeller.

Sure there are gun shots and a cute dog, but there is also a slow unveiling of the clues, red herrings and characters with shady pasts.

As Bob, Hardy is a cypher; kind to dogs, shy and lovesick, he's an average neighbourhood guy.



Scan this photo with your Metro News app to watch a clip from *The Drop*, starring Tom Hardy and James Gandolfini. CONTRIBUTED

Except in this neighbourhood, average guys have pasts, and Hardy does a nice job of playing a guy who is trying to move on while the past tries to stop him in his tracks.

What did you think?

Steve: As the deadbeat bartender who may or may not be what he seems, Hardy certainly crafts a compelling character with a unique set of subtleties.

Even the gait of Bob's walk and the curious physicality of Hardy's character is distinguished and fantastically nuanced.

It's just too bad the story itself feels a bit too

played out.

There's nothing quite fresh about the intertwining local gangsters and interlopers here.

Plus, a few plot ambiguities don't help keep the story clear. Or was that the red herrings?

RC: I thought of it as a slice of life, a slickly made look at the underbelly of crime, relationships and dog rearing.

Nice performances make up for some plot idiosyncrasies and the cute dog earns some goodwill for a story that doesn't so much comment on the condition of its characters as it does reveal it.

What did you think of Gandolfini in his final role?

SG: It's a bit of a bittersweet final curtain for Gandolfini — whose character is a bit morose.

But the late actor's presence is as bold as ever and, in scenes with Hardy, the two of them burn up the celluloid — especially in the movie's softer moments — as when Bob corrects the burly former bar owner about the proper pronunciation of "Chechen."

Surprisingly, the film is actually darkly humorous.

RC: Gandolfini does play to type as the Tony Soprano-

Synopsis

Tom Hardy plays Bob Saginowski, a mild-mannered bartender at Cousin Marv's — a Brooklyn neighbourhood pub owned by the Chechnyan mafia. Marv's bar is sometimes used as a "drop," a place where gangsters secretly hide money until it is collected by their crime bosses. One night after work, Bob hears a dog whimpering from inside a garbage can. Lifting the lid, he finds a beaten pit bull puppy. He adopts the dog and romances Nadia, (Noomi Rapace), the woman who helps him rescue the animal, but soon a robbery, a scheme by his boss Marv (James Gandolfini) and the dog's former owner (Matthias Schoenaerts) force Bob to show his true colours. Steve Gow sits in for Mark Breslin this week.

• Richard: ●●●●●

• Steve: ●●●●●

Lite bar owner and while it is a part he could play in his sleep, there is something comforting about seeing him, one last time, as a conflicted tough guy. And you're right, the movie is darkly humorous, until it turns rather dark at the end.

SG: It was also a bit anticlimactic for me.

For all the mystery built up around the characters, the not-so-surprising twist at the end tries too conveniently to wrap everything together.

The film is entertaining enough but it doesn't quite add up.

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Thriller



No Good Deed

Director. Sam Miller

Stars. Taraji P. Henson, Idris Elba

Terri is a devoted wife and mother of two, living an ideal suburban life in Atlanta when Colin, a charming but dangerous escaped convict, shows up at her door claiming car trouble. Terri offers her phone to help him but soon learns that no good deed goes unpunished as she finds herself fighting for survival when he invades her home and terrorizes her family.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score

Critics: Audience:

No reviews yet + 90%

Kids & Family



Dolphin Tale 2

Director. Thomas Carter

Stars. Jim Caviezel, Michael Chiklis

Dolphin Tale 2 continues the story of Winter, a dolphin whose miraculous rescue and recovery (thanks to a groundbreaking prosthetic tail) made her a symbol of hope and perseverance to people around the world and inspired 2011's Dolphin Tale. The film reunites Harry Connick, Jr., Morgan Freeman, Ashley Judd, Kris Kristofferson, Nathan Gamble, Cozi Zuehlsgaard, Austin Stowell, and, of course, Winter as herself.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score

Critics: Audience:

🍅 73% + 85%

Mystery & Suspense



The November Man

Director. Roger Donaldson

Stars. Pierce Brosnan, Luke Bracey, Olga Kurylenko

Code-named The November Man, Peter Devereaux (Pierce Brosnan) is a lethal and highly trained ex-CIA agent, who has been enjoying a quiet life in Switzerland. When Devereaux is lured out of retirement for one last mission, he must protect valuable witness, Alice Fournier, (Olga Kurylenko). He soon uncovers this assignment marks him a target of his former friend and CIA protégé.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score

Critics: Audience:

🍌 33% 🍌 61%

Mystery/Suspense



As Above, So Below

Director. John Erick Dowdle

Stars. Perdita Weeks, Ben Feldman

Miles of twisting catacombs lie beneath the streets of Paris, the eternal home to countless souls. When a team of explorers ventures into the uncharted maze of bones, they uncover the secret of what this city of the dead was meant to contain. A journey into madness and terror.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score

Critics: Audience:

🍌 28% 🍌 44%

Drama/Sci-Fi



The Giver

Stars. Jeff Bridges, Meryl Streep, Brenton Thwaites

The haunting story of The Giver centres on Jonas (Brenton Thwaites), a young man who lives in a seemingly ideal, if colourless, world of conformity and contentment. Yet as he begins to spend time with The Giver (Jeff Bridges), who is the sole keeper of all the community's memories, Jonas quickly begins to discover the dark and deadly truths of his community's secret past.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score

Critics: Audience:

🍌 33% 🍌 66%

Mystery



The Captive

Director. Atom Egoyan

Stars. Ryan Reynolds, Mireille Enos

Years after his young daughter vanished without a trace from the back seat of his truck, a father receives newfound hope that she is alive and being held in captivity in this drama from Academy Award-nominated director Atom Egoyan. Matthew (Ryan Reynolds) and Tina (Mireille Enos) were a happy couple before their daughter Cassandra was taken from them. In the aftermath of the tragedy, their relationship began to dissolve.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score

Critics: Audience:

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Sequel. Star-studded cast hopes to recreate the magic of Now You See Me



Jesse Eisenberg is returning for another round of magic in Now You See Me 2. CONTRIBUTED

With over \$350 million in revenues worldwide, Now You See Me was one of the surprise hits of the summer 2013 box office. The follow-up, Lionsgate announced, is scheduled to open on June 10, 2016.

Directed by Louis Leterrier, Now You See Me follows a team of four magicians known for performing international bank heists

live on stage and transferring the proceeds to the audience.

Fans can look forward to seeing more of the same all-star cast, as Woody Harrelson, Jesse Eisenberg, Dave Franco, Isla Fisher, Mark Ruffalo, Morgan Freeman and Michael Caine are all expected to return for the sequel.

Written like the first

movie by Ed Solomon and Peter Chiarelli, Now You See Me 2 is to be helmed by John M. Chu (G.I. Joe: Retaliation) and produced by Alex Kurtzman, Roberto Orci and Bobby Cohen.

Lionsgate also revealed Dec. 25, 2015 as the release date for Dirty Grandpa, the comedy starring Robert De Niro and Zac Efron.

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The doctor is in ... his taxi cab

Cabbie conundrum.

Comedy takes a lighthearted look at a serious problem that highly educated immigrants across Canada face



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In *Dr. Cabbie*, Vinay Virmani stars as Deepak, a man from New Delhi, who arrives in Toronto with a degree in medicine and dreams of following in his MD father's footsteps. Instead he is met with bureaucracy and frustration. The medical establishment in Canada doesn't accept his hard-earned degree and decree that he won't be able to practice medicine in his new country.

Virmani was inspired to write the story after taking a cab ride in Toronto.

"When you get into a cab, you form that Indian-to-Indian thing," he says. "The driver is like, 'Where are you from?'"

"Canada."

"No, where are you really from?"

"It always starts off like that. Then he told me his story. I was really moved by it because here's a guy who was young and naïve when he came here, very passionate about being a doctor, and had that dream shattered."

"Then I heard about a Chinese dentist in Vancouver who was doing dental work for families who couldn't afford dental. They called him the Bedroom Dentist. So all these things played in my head."

In the film, a friend (Big Bang Theory's Kunal Nayyar) gets Deepak a job driving a cab, and one eventful night he meets Natalie, the girl of his dreams (Adrienne Palicki), and delivers her baby in the back of the hack.

When a video of the birth goes viral he becomes a something of a sensation. Soon people are flagging his taxi, looking for medical treatment.

With a thriving practice on wheels, he doles out medical advice and prescription drugs to customers from the back of his cab.



Vinay Virmani stars in *Dr. Cabbie*, which opens next Friday. CONTRIBUTED

Quoted

"Through the fun and games, and the loud characters and situations, we say a doctor is a doctor is a doctor — that the Hippocratic Oath does not change just because you cross a border."

Actor Vinay Virmani

"If somebody told me a cabbie delivered a baby in a cab I would want to see that," he says.

"I would want to see how he did it. It's not far fetched to believe a video like that would go viral."

The movie is a broad comedy, but one with serious underpinnings.

"Right now we do have a doctor shortage in this country, we do have qualified PhDs not

only driving cabs, but doing all sorts of work," he says, "and I really hope the movie sheds light on that, but in a fun, comedic way."

"I hope we've given integrity to the issue."

"Through the fun and games and the loud characters and situations, we say a doctor is a doctor is a doctor — that the Hippocratic Oath does not change just because you cross a border."

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Idris Elba wants to turn the thriller genre on its head

No Good Deed.

Actor's latest big role has him playing a creepy ex-con menacing a single mother — and he even scared himself



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Idris Elba is looking to challenge himself during our interview.

"Right now, I'm cracking open a beer with a lighter, which is hard to do, and at the same time sound genuinely interested in our conversation — which I am!" he insists. I'll have to take him at this word.

In Elba's latest, the thriller *No Good Deed*, he relishes playing mean and nasty as an ex-con menacing a single mother (Taraji P. Henson).

Why won't you leave this nice Taraji P. Henson alone?

Yeah, right? I watched it yesterday with an audience and I kept asking myself, "Why are you there? Leave her alone, she's so sweet!" My character has this sort of relentless drive, but you do find yourself going, "What is this guy's problem?" He's quite creepy, the character. I was watching it thinking, "Wow, I

must be an actor because if I am really like that in real life, man, I wouldn't have any friends."

This has almost a nice throwback feel to it.

Yeah, it's a genre. It's quite reminiscent of old thriller films. I was a co-producer on this, and the director and I talked about that: "Let's remind audiences that they're in a thriller." You're going to hear thunder and you're going to hear mood music and stuff. For some reason we stopped making those types of films, but they work. They serve a particular purpose and they work.

Where are your tastes in genres and roles leading you at the moment?

I'm into being very varied, sort of shaking up genres. This film, for example. One could argue in America that this is penned as an African-American film, but it really isn't. It isn't a specific market film; it's just a film. And it's relatable to anyone that likes thrillers. My personal taste is to try to turn these genres on their heads and break down these sort of lines that we have that segment film one way or another. And also personally, I'm into really big, full characters at the moment. That's what I want to develop. Iconic characters, like Mandela, like Luther.



Idris Elba stars in *No Good Deed*, which opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

Does the talk about how you should be the next James Bond still come up a lot?

Oh yeah, everyone keeps asking me about it. It's died

down a bit, maybe it's starting to pass. But it's still just a rumour, unfortunately.

But you're going to be

more Luther, right?

Yeah man, I'm definitely trying to do that. That's something that's happened over the last few days, where I've been with Neil

(Cross, the show's creator) and we've discussed it in depth. We're going to move forward and try to pull off this two-hour special for TV.

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Photographer Chris Geworsky spent 7 years researching and shooting the subjects for the portrait series State Of Mine. The portraits, of musicians, are about exploring the personal, intimate and unique place each subject visits when he/she loses themselves in their own music. The exhibit at NSCAD's Academy Building (1649 Brunswick St.) includes not only the photographic portraits but access video interviews taken of several subjects used by Chris to help create each portrait and define each place.

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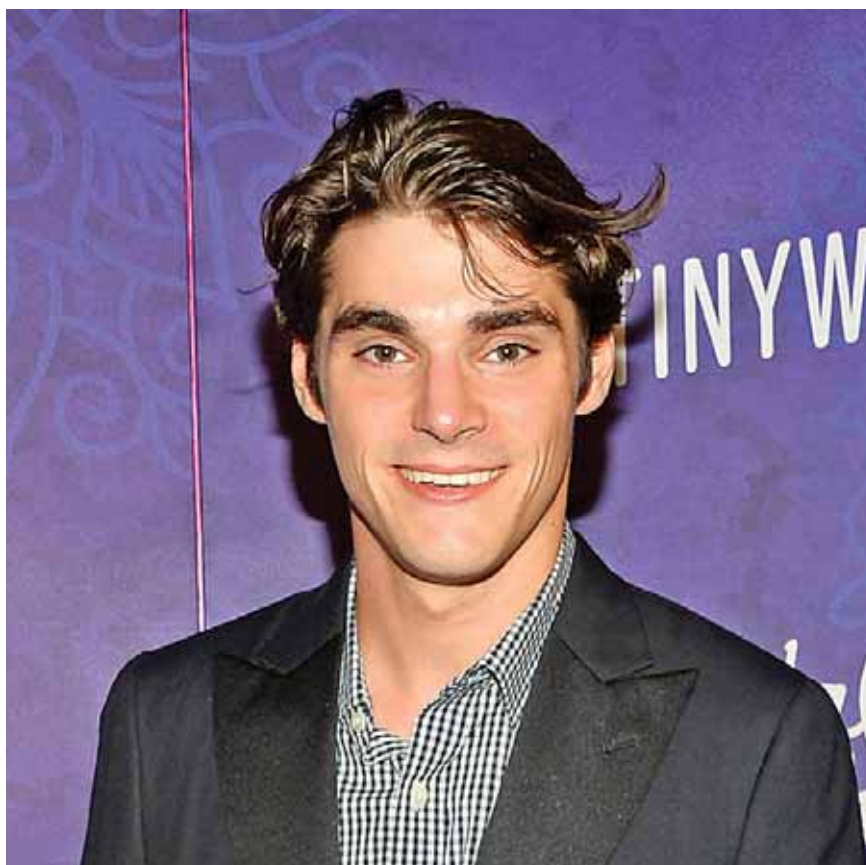
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RJ Mitte's character on Breaking Bad had cerebral palsy, just like the 22-year-old actor — only a more severe case, requiring Mitte to learn to walk on crutches and slow his speech for the role. EVAN AGOSTINI/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Breaking Bad star Mitte brings realism to disabled characters

Typcasting. Actor with cerebral palsy says he learns from roles that reflect his reality

For RJ Mitte, playing Walter White Jr. in AMC's Breaking Bad was art imitating life.

Like the 22-year-old actor, his character had cerebral palsy — just a more severe case, requiring Mitte to learn to walk on crutches and slow his speech for the role. Mitte says he also had to revisit some of the challenges he faced growing up, which served as “a great reminder” that helped him win the part.

“The past does haunt you, but it haunts you for a reason: To remind you of the mistakes and actions you’ve

made along the way and you have to grow from those actions,” he said.

Mitte says those experiences enabled him to bring something to the role that others couldn’t.

“My disability has given me so many things that people will never understand unless you have it,” he said in a recent interview. “Unless you’ve been through the physical therapy, unless you’ve been (through) the sweat, the tears, the family problems, the family struggles, but wondering how you’re going to get that HMO, wondering how you’re going to get those medical bills. You develop a different mentality and you develop a different look at how the world sees you and how you see the world.” **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Also true to character

Mitte isn’t alone in winning roles that reflect his life: In his recently cancelled sitcom, Michael J. Fox’s title character had Parkinson’s disease, as he does, and both Glee and American Horror Story feature actresses with Down syndrome.

- Since the Breaking Bad finale, Mitte has played a wheelchair-bound character who suffered a spinal cord injury.
- He says other roles he’s taken on include that of a young man with muscular dystrophy and another where he was “a bit mentally unstable.”

Stephen King-inspired pilot. CBS adapts another of horror author’s stories

Following the success of Under the Dome, a Stephen King-based storyline, CBS is moving forward with The Things They Left Behind, adapted from a short story by the bestselling author.

The pilot is produced by Greg Berlanti, creator of Arrow and The Flash.

Based on Stephen King’s story, The Things They Left Behind is narrated by a man

whose decision to take the day off work on Sept. 11, 2001 saved his life. A year after the World Trade Center attacks that took the lives of his colleagues, objects that once belonged to them start mysteriously appearing around the protagonist’s apartment.

Details on the cast and production dates have not been announced. **AFP**



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OK Go returns, as inventive as ever

Upside Out. Video masterminds release their first new music since 2008, leading up to a full-length album

LISA WEIDENFELD
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Earlier this summer, music video masterminds OK Go returned with a new creation: a series of optical illusions set to a new song, *The Writing's on the Wall*.

The song, part of a new EP called *Upside Out*, is the first new music from the band since their 2008 album, *Of the Blue Colour of the Sky*. A full-length album, *Hungry Ghosts*, is due out Oct. 14.

Lead singer Damian Kulash says that's pretty normal for the band, which generally takes about four years to make a new album.

"We take so long making records in part because we're not the fastest songwriters on the planet, but in part because we spend so much time touring and making videos."

It's apparently pretty complicated to build and operate a massive Rube Goldberg device, as they did for *This Too Shall Pass*.

A few things have changed about the writing process over the years, though.

Kulash pointed to the band's desire to write more "undirected," by which he means letting the music dictate what a song will be about, rather than starting with an idea and working backwards to it.

The result is what Kulash calls a more focused album, despite the more relaxed songwriting method, which he thinks allows for music that's more varied in scope.

"I kind of hate writing lyrics," Kulash admits. "I have

so much fun playing with the sounds, and then you wind up with this music, where if things have gone right, it goes in five directions at once. It's something that you can't communicate, or at least I can't communicate verbally."

He points to the way writing the music itself can create a sound with "lust and fury and joy and melancholy all at once." Setting all of that to actual words can mean letting go of some of that feeling.

"When something is both joyful and melancholic at the same time, do you write melancholic lyrics or do you write joyful lyrics? Words are so specific. They always have to mean something so literal."

Despite the challenges, Kulash seems happy with the result. For fans of *Blue Color*, Kulash says the new album "feels like it has a lot of the same sonic textures, but is a much more concise and to-the-point record."

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Prenup's the Pitts for Brad — if he cheats, Angie gets the kids

So maybe it took so long for Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt to tie the knot because they were working on their massive, heavily detailed prenup. Star magazine claims to have details on the document, which “was encouraged by their lawyers” and “is the best way to protect their kids,” according to a source.

And considering the murky circumstances by which Pitt and Jolie first came together, it's maybe not so surprising that the agreement has a pretty stringent infidelity clause. “If Brad gets too serious with another woman while they are married, (Jolie) will get primary custody if they split.”

No Good Deed star stoked to prove naysayers wrong

Taraji P. Henson has a bone to pick with Hollywood. Despite being an Academy Award-nominated actress, “I’m treated like I’m on the D-list,” Henson tells Ebony magazine. “I’m still being considered with actresses who haven’t done half the stuff I’ve achieved.” But while she’s clearly miffed about the ongoing treatment, the No Good Deed star isn’t letting



Taraji P. Henson

it keep her down. “When people tell me no, I get hyped,” she says. “Because when I prove that I can and will, I love watching people eat crow.”

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Searching for a migraine of truth in Kanye's Aussie ER visit

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Kanye West was hospitalized in Australia this week, and depending on what you read, he either had a frightening, life-threatening seizure or it was just a really bad headache and he's fine. “He just suffered a migraine and went to the hospital simply as a precaution,” a rep for the rapper says, pointing out that West made it to the stage for a concert just a few hours later. But a woman who was present at the hospital tells Women's

Day a much more alarming story. “My daughter was having an MRI. Shortly after it began, security burst in and cleared the area,” Loraine Terry says. “Everyone was moved out of the waiting and consulting rooms. We were the only ones left apart from doctors and nurses. We couldn't leave as the MRI wasn't finished. Next thing we knew, Kanye was stretched in surrounded by security. He had one side of his face covered with something white. We were shocked because it looked so serious. Everyone was massively panicked.” So, who's right? It's a trick question — they both are. Because honestly, West would probably have an entire floor of a hospital cleared for a hangnail, so this seems like a proportional response to a migraine for him.



Katy Perry

That's some zesty Diplo Katy's been tucking into

A musical collaboration between Katy Perry and EDM artist Diplo has reportedly spawned something more intimate, as a loose-lipped source close to the singer tells Radar Online that the pair have been spending more quality time together since first cosying up to each other in April. “When Katy and Diplo first hooked up, it was sort of premeditated. But

they are very much in lust with each other right now,” the pal says. “They are just having a lot of fun right now, which is something that lacked in her previous relationship (with John Mayer). Katy does want kids one day but definitely not right now. She thought that she was going to have kids with John, but that ended when she caught him cheating.”

So much for his devotion to Mimi. Nick's looking for a new dream girl already

Well, that was fast. Barely a week after proclaiming his undying love for estranged wife Mariah Carey, Nick Cannon is ready to move on, according to Radar Online. “Nick is so over all of this drama. He is just ready to get back to work and doesn't care what Mariah says about him,” a source says. “She is the one who messed it all up, not Nick. He is just ready to start over and find a woman that will treat him right.”



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These Spicy Chicken Salad Bagels reinvent breakfast staple



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For years, my daughters complained about the so-called boring sandwiches we made them for lunch. One day, we swapped the bread for tortillas and the results were magical.

The next time we opted for a bagel. All of a sudden, lunch was exciting!

And, of course, chicken is always a crowd-pleaser — you can't go wrong.

Spicy Cream Cheese

1. In a bowl, combine all the ingredients with a fork. Season with salt. Keep this mixture refrigerated.

Chicken Salad

2. In a bowl, combine the avocado and lime juice. Add the remaining ingredients. Season with salt and pepper. Keep refrigerated.



This recipe makes six sandwiches. COURTESY RICARDOCUISINE.COM

Assembly

3. Cut the bagels in half horizontally. Spread with the spicy cream cheese. Add

two bell pepper slices and a lettuce leaf on one side. Top with the chicken salad. Close the sandwich.

Ingredients

Spicy Cream Cheese

- 1/2 lb (250 g) cream cheese, softened
- 1 jalapeno, seeded and finely chopped
- 2 green onions, finely chopped
- 1/2 lime, the juice only

Chicken Salad

- 1/2 avocado, diced
- 1/2 lime, the juice only
- 1 cup (250 ml) diced cooked chicken
- 3/4 cup (180 ml) canned corn kernels, drained
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) sour cream
- 1 plum tomato, seeded and diced
- 1 celery stalk, diced
- 1 green onion, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) chopped fresh cilantro
- 5 to 6 drops Tabasco sauce
- Salt and pepper

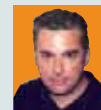
Assembly

- 6 bagels, toasted if desired
- 1 yellow bell pepper, sliced into thin rings
- 6 Boston lettuce leaves
- Salt and pepper

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While we are a couple of weeks away from the start of fall, in my neck of the vineyards the crisp temperatures of autumn have arrived way too soon.

As I say adios to summer — and wrap myself in a fluffy duvet at night — I think about wines that reflect the change in season.

Savoury reds with robust fruit and a hint of rustic charm top my list for fall. Northern Italy knows savoury, whether it be the muscular reds from Piedmont's Barolo and Barbaresco or lighter fare from Vento's Valpolicella and Bardolino.

Valpolicella's ripasso wines strike a nice balance between easy-drinking and full-bodied. Made with juice that has soaked with the skins from the grapes that make the powerful Amarone-style wines, they taste as good on their own as they do with stew.

Zonin's 2012 Valpolicella Superiore Ripasso (\$17.45 - \$19.99) has a classic cherry aroma and dark berries and more cherries on the palate. Though dry, there's a soft suggestion of sweet plums that adds to its warming character. PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.

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'Win the day.'

Mooseheads' Ducharme tells players only to focus on their tasks at hand



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One practice, one game, one day at a time — that's the way the Halifax Mooseheads are approaching the 2014-15 season.

With their climactic 2013 Memorial Cup win not far behind them, but a disappointing semifinal loss to the Val-d'Or Foreurs in the 2014 QMJHL playoffs closer in mind, it's hard to anticipate what this season will bring for the Herd.

So coaching staff are encouraging players to keep it all in perspective.

"Our team slogan is to 'Win the day,' so we want to come in every day and make the most of it," head coach Dominique Ducharme said Thursday of three simple words he has used to help inspire the Moose.

"That's something that you'll see on players' T-shirts, and it's in our locker room. Our goal is to come to the rink and get better every day."

So last year's results, the absence of top players at NHL camps, how other teams are preparing, and even top-10 Canadian Hockey League rankings released this week that put Halifax in the No. 9 spot, aren't the focus areas



Mooseheads head coach Dominique Ducharme says his team's philosophy for the 2014-15 season is to "win the day."

JEFF HARPER/METRO

for the Mooseheads.

"We don't know the other teams ... so we need to concentrate on ourselves," Ducharme said.

The Moose will have their first chance to put that perspective, and their work both on and off the ice during pre-season, to the test this weekend, as they hit the road for their first two games of the year.

First they face off Friday night against the Acadie-Bathurst Titan, and then on Saturday night they take on the Charlottetown Islanders.

Opening weekend

- Mooseheads @ Titan, 7:30 p.m.
- Mooseheads @ Islanders, 7 p.m.

"We want to be playing a solid game all around," Ducharme said.

"On the offensive side, we want to be involved ... and supporting each other, playing in a group of five, and without the puck, we want

to be taking time and space away, again with five guys active."

Opening weekend will be a challenge for rookies, he said, but "it's going to be a great experience and we'll be ready for it," with the team philosophy driving them forward.

"Our main focus, and the way we think, is win the day, every day," Ducharme said. "That's how we get better, that's how we get ready for the season, for the playoffs — that's how we improve individually, collectively."

Roster moves

Mooseheads lose players to NHL camps

Five Halifax Mooseheads have gone NHL camping.

Goaltender Zachary Fucale and forward Philippe Gadoury are lacing up for the Montreal Canadiens, defenceman Matt Murphy is taking to the ice with the Ottawa Senators, forward Nikolaj Ehlers has joined his Winnipeg Jets teammates and forward Daniel Moynihan is off to San Jose Sharks training camp.

"They deserve to be there — either because they're drafted or because they're getting invited," Mooseheads head coach Dominique Ducharme said Thursday.

Montreal drafted 19-year-old Fucale 36th overall in the 2013 NHL Entry Draft and invited 20-year-old Gadoury as a free agent; Winnipeg selected 18-year-old Ehlers ninth overall in the 2014 draft, signing a three-year contract with him earlier this month; Ottawa invited 19-year-old Murphy as a free agent; and San Jose has asked 18-year-old Moynihan to attend as a prospect.

Without five of their top players to start the QMJHL season, the Mooseheads have brought back Christopher Langlais, 18, defenceman Brandon Worthen, 17, and forward Makail Parker, 17, who all attended training camp, in time for the opening weekend on the road.

"Those guys were with us, pretty much for the whole camp, so they know what we do," Ducharme said. "We feel comfortable with them in the lineup."

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Jets like look of Ehlers early

NHL. Mooseheads rookie of the year has ambitions of cracking Winnipeg roster this fall

Nikolaj Ehlers is making no bones about wanting to crack the Winnipeg Jets roster right away, even though he knows he's a long shot.

"Yes, I mean I want to play, I want to give everything I have to make the team this year," said Ehlers, as 24 of the team's young prospects skated together Thursday in Winnipeg for the first time since July.

"But I'm not the one making the decision. The only thing I can do is give my best every single day, every single practice, work-out, game. And that's what I'm going to do."

At 18, Ehlers is one of the youngest prospects, but his resumé from just one

Manitoba meritocracy

The Jets have shown they aren't going to rush any player's development but they aren't going to wait if they think he's ready.

- While the Jets let forward Mark Scheifele mature in junior for a couple of years before sticking him in their lineup, defenceman Jacob Trouba went straight from a freshman season at the University of Michigan to their blue-line without even a whistle stop in St. John's.

year in the QMJHL shows the kind of talent he possesses — 49 goals and 104 points, rookie of the year and the Mike Bossy Trophy as the top pro prospect. He capped it with CHL rookie-of-the-year honours.

Keith McCambridge, coach of the Jets' AHL farm team, the St. John's IceCaps, will be taking Ehlers and the 23 other top prospects to the Young Stars tournament in Penticton, B.C. this weekend. They'll face off against their counterparts on the Vancouver Canucks, Edmonton Oilers and Calgary Flames organizations.

"Obviously, you can see why he was drafted where he was," McCambridge says of Ehlers, who he has seen up close only twice — once Thursday and earlier at the Jets' prospect camp in July.

"You can see why he was able to put up the numbers he put up in the Quebec league. It will be again a nice test to see how he looks in these games."

Ehlers is on a line with Scott Kosmachuk, 20, another junior star from the Ontario league, and Adam Lowry, 21, who played last season with the IceCaps.

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Nikolaj Ehlers went No. 9 overall to the Winnipeg Jets at the 2014 NHL draft on June 27 in Philadelphia.
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Canadian star Milos Raonic takes on Colombia's Alejandro Gonzalez in Davis Cup action tonight at Metro Centre. JULIAN FINNEY/GETTY IMAGES

Davis Cup. Raonic to take court Friday at Metro Centre

Milos Raonic will face Colombia's Alejandro Gonzalez in Davis Cup play Friday as the hard-serving Canadian returns to the court following a fourth-round exit from the U.S. Open.

Raonic, from Thornhill, Ont., will play in the second singles match of the day Friday after Vancouver's Vasek Pospisil opens the best-of-five tie

against Santiago Giraldo.

The winner of the tie, which will be played at the Metro Centre, advances to the elite World Group next season. Canada is looking to reclaim its World Group spot after a first-round loss to Japan earlier this year.

Raonic, ranked seventh in the world, hasn't played since losing a marathon fourth-round

U.S. Open match to Kei Nishikori of Japan. The Canadian said his body has recovered from the gruelling loss.

"Now that the draw is done, we are ready for the weekend and feel confident about our team," Canadian captain Martin Larendeau said. "Though we know Colombia will be fighting hard to make history for their

country, we feel we belong in the World Group and will do whatever it takes to stay there."

At No. 8 in the world, Canada is seen as the favourite, though the 26th-ranked Colombians did win the last meeting between the two teams in 2010 and are looking for their first-ever World Group berth.

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Gronkowski half-ready for the season

Warming up. Coming off yet another injury, Patriots star hopes to produce more

Rob Gronkowski looks to be in mid-season form, at least when he's spiking the ball after a touchdown.

The rest of his game might

take a while to get there.

The New England Patriots star tight end pounded the ball to the ground after catching Tom Brady's 6-yard pass in the season opener following knee surgery in January.

"Just a little warm-up, that's all," he said of his windup and slam midway through the second quarter last Sunday. "Hopefully,

Must practice

"You don't want to be only catching four balls when you've got 11 thrown your way."

Rob Gronkowski

some (more) come versus the Minnesota Vikings."

The Patriots visit the Vi-

kings on Sunday, hoping to do better on the road than they did a week earlier in a 33-20 loss to the Miami Dolphins.

The knee injury sidelined Gronkowski for the last five games last season, including two in the playoffs. He sat out all four preseason games while gradually increasing his workload in training camp. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Rob Gronkowski at the opener against the Dolphins Sunday. ROB FOLDI/GETTY IMAGES

NASCAR

Johnson betting on championship

It's been 11 weeks since Jimmie Johnson's last victory and he suffered through one of his typical summer swoons.

But the defending NASCAR champion feels confident he'll once again be hoisting the prize at the

end of the year. Johnson goes into the Chase opener Sunday at Chicagoland Speedway attempting to start a record-tying seventh title run. Only Hall of Famers Richard Petty and the late Dale Earnhardt have won seven.

"I honestly feel better about our chances this year than I did last year on this same day," he said.

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Americans romp to final

U.S. centre DeMarcus Cousins vies with Lithuanian centre Jonas Valanciunas during their FIBA World Cup semifinal match on Thursday in Barcelona. The U.S. won 96-68 and will face the winner of the other semifinal between France and Serbia in Sunday's final in Madrid. **LUIS GENE/AP/GETTY IMAGES**



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Pillar solid after rebuilding swing

MLB. One-time outsider making case to be everyday outfielder as Jays strive for playoffs

Kevin Pillar may have temporarily lost his composure with the Toronto Blue Jays earlier this season, but he's suddenly gaining traction as a possible everyday centre-fielder of the future.

Pillar made headlines all week long, hitting .500 over the Jays' past five games. In bigger picture, he's emerged with Anthony Gose as a top option for next season's outfield, while becoming a piece of this season's two-pronged replacement for Colby Rasmus.

It's a huge development for Pillar. Only two months ago, he was sent down to AAA Buffalo after getting pulled for a pinch-hitter during a tie game against the New York Yankees. Pillar threw his bat down the tunnel leading to the clubhouse. Shortly after his tantrum, he was heading back to the minors.

But, long before that, and through that rocky road as well, Pillar worked on his swing and plate approach, always believing in himself.

He worked with a hitting coach in the off season and gleaned plate tips from Edwin Encarnacion. Now, almost a year after he began tearing his swing apart and rebuilding it, Pillar is seeing results.

"I don't see much change in his demeanour, but I see a different guy than last year," Jays manager John Gibbons said. "He was way too aggressive at the plate, swinging at a lot of pitches, but this year, he's taking away the outside of the



Outfielder Kevin Pillar has helped the Blue Jays roll off a four-game win streak, keeping the club's playoff hopes alive going into the weekend. TOM SZCZERBOWSKI/GETTY IMAGES

Wild ride not over

The Blue Jays face the Rays for the first of three games on Friday.

.500, 66-66, on Aug. 26.

- The Jays were 38-24 on June 6 and six games ahead in the AL East, but fell back to

- Since that date the Jays are 10-3, with 17 games remaining. They go into the weekend 3-1/2 games back of an AL wild-card spot.

plate (from pitchers) and using more of the middle of the plate. He's just a good baseball player, a good hitter, the type of guy who helps you win ball games."

Pillar began the process of rebuilding his swing over the winter with Phillies' outfielder Marlon Byrd. The two lived near a Chatsworth, Ca., batting emporium owned by Doug Lotta,

Byrd's personal hitting coach. The place was equipped with technology that helped break down their swings and map them against different pitches.

"I started hitting in November and wasn't comfortable until after the all-star break this summer," Pillar said.

Now the Jays are titillating fans with their late-season play-off push and Pillar has been a

big part of it.

If the 2015 season were to start next week, it's likely the Jays' outfield would feature Jose Bautista, Pillar, and Gose. Melky Cabrera is a shoo-in for left field, but it's possible he'll price himself out of town in the off-season.

But after a sometimes rocky ride this season, Pillar has remained focused on improving himself while learning his role and how to help the team win.

"You know, despite August (Jays' 9-17 record that month), we're still in it ... but whatever personal successes I have, they take a back seat to helping this team win," Pillar said. "For me, the best way to make a campaign for next season is to help this team win now."

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Rice. U.S. Senators press NFL for zero tolerance on domestic violence

Sixteen female senators from both parties called on the National Football League Thursday to adopt a zero-tolerance policy on domestic violence.

The senators said they were "shocked and disgusted" by a video showing former Baltimore Ravens' running back Ray Rice punching his then-fiancée and knocking her unconscious.

"Tragically, this is not the only case of an NFL player allegedly assaulting a woman even within the last year," the senators wrote in a letter to NFL commissioner Roger Goodell.

The senators said they were deeply concerned that a new policy Goodell announced last month would let a player commit a violent act and return to the field after a six-game suspension.

"If you violently assault a woman, you shouldn't get a second chance to play football in the NFL," the letter said.

Democratic Sen. Barbara



U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer
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Boxer of California put the letter together. It's signed by 14 Democrats and two Republicans. Four other female senators — two Democrats and two Republicans — did not sign the letter, which Boxer's office said was put together quickly after the Rice video was released earlier this week.

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NFL

Ravens roll past Steelers post-Rice

Playing three days after running back Ray Rice was released, the Ravens got a pair of touchdown passes from Joe Flacco and rolled past the rival Pittsburgh Steelers 26-6 on Thursday night.

Rice was reaching the end of a two-game suspension for domestic violence when a video of him striking his then-fiancée surfaced Monday. By the end of the day, the three-time Pro Bowl star had been cut by

Baltimore and suspended indefinitely by the NFL.

The Ravens (1-1) shrugged off the distraction to bounce back from a season-opening loss at home to division rival Cincinnati.

Bernard Pierce took over for Rice to gain 22 yards on 96 carries as part of a ground game that finished with 157 yards. Flacco went 21 for 29 for 166 yards and two TD passes to tight end Owen Daniels, and Justin Tucker kicked four field goals.

Pittsburgh (1-1) managed only two field goals and committed three turnovers.

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PGA. Kirk, Horschel can almost taste \$10M payday

Chris Kirk and Billy Horschel have little in common except a clean card of 4-under 66 at the Tour Championship in Atlanta and their chances at the biggest payoff in golf.

Kirk and Horschel, the top two seeds going into the FedEx Cup finale at East Lake, played in the final group and traded birdies — neither of them made a bogey — over four hours in steamy weather to share the lead.

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A's outfielders Jonny Gomes and Coco Crisp collide while chasing a ball on Thursday in Chicago. GETTY IMAGES

Athletics looking like also-rans

The A's continued their free fall Thursday, when Chris Sale bested Scott Kazmir in a brilliant pitchers' duel, light-hitting Marcus Semien homered for the only run and the Chicago White Sox won 1-0.

The A's lost for the 11th time in 14 games. Their lead in the AL wild-card race dwindled to one game over Detroit, 1-1/2 over Seattle and 3-1/2 over the

Drought in Oakland

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The A's have scored more than three runs only 15 times in the 39 games since slugger Yoenis Cespedes was traded to Boston on July 31.

Toronto Blue Jays and Cleveland Indians.

"We're playing for our lives now," manager Bob Melvin conceded. "I mean, that's just the way it is. We put ourselves in this position."

Once leading the division, the A's began the day nine games behind the Los Angeles Angels. Oakland starts a three-game showdown in Seattle on Friday night.

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

If you need to ask someone for a financial favour, do so now while they are in a generous mood. When it comes to creative endeavors don't sell yourself short.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

A rival may appear to have an advantage because they are prepared to use dishonest methods but their tactics will rebound on them.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

With Mars moving into your opposite sign you may find that minor problems loom a lot larger than before. You'll find ways to deal with them.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

This should be a day to remember. New friendships will be made with ease and existing relationships will improve dramatically. The more you open up to others, the more they will open up to you.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Any bad feelings you have about a career move you are planning to make will disappear over the next 24 hours. The only thing worth fearing is fear itself.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Your confidence may dip today but it's nothing to worry about. As Mars moves into one of the more sensitive areas of your chart, keep your head down.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

No matter how ambitious a Libra you may be there are more important things in life than material success, and today you will be reminded what they are.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

This will be a day of fun but make the most of it because Mars will be disrupting things over the weekend. If there is something you can do to reduce chances of disorder, do it now.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Come the weekend you will be free to express yourself in ways that may not have been possible before. However, you will also have to exercise a certain amount of self-discipline.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

There comes a time when the old must give way to the new and according to the planets you are approaching that time. Don't worry. Changes are good and just what you need.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

If you feel drained, you must take it as a sign that you need to slow down. A short rest now will do wonders for your energy levels during the early part of next week.

♓ Pisces

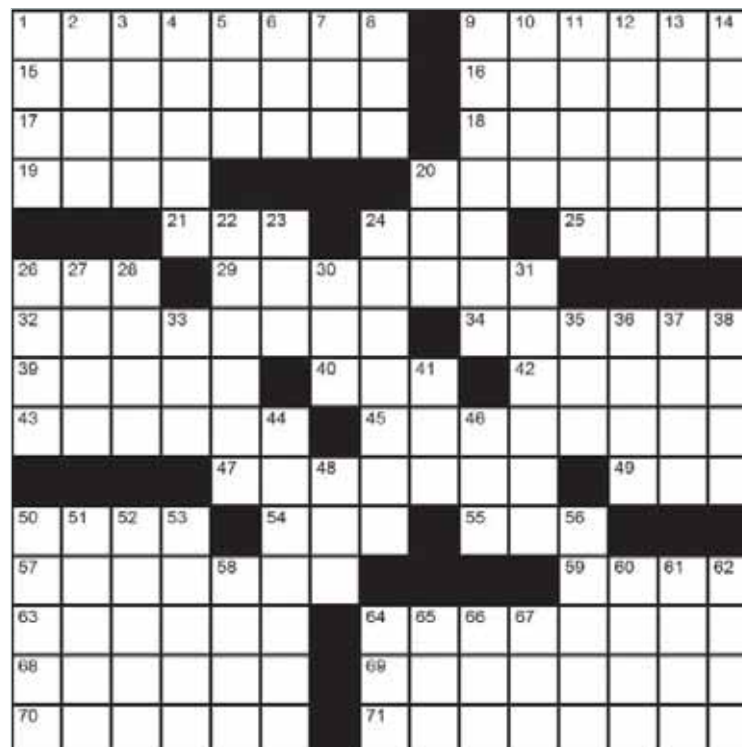
Feb. 20 - March 20

You need to give up on a personal vendetta. Confrontations like this are not worth it. Let it go. You'll feel better for it.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. Canadian hero who ran the Marathon of Hope in 1980 to raise money for cancer research: 2 wds.
9. Proclamations
15. Gossamer
16. Reserved
17. Bedroom pieces
18. Outfitted one
19. Chair
20. Agricultural activity
21. Stockholm is its cap.
24. Auto
25. Fully satisfy
26. Extinct bird of New Zealand
29. Amaretto flavourings
32. 1993 chart-topper for #38-Down
34. C-a-n-a-d-i-... (Works out the letters)
39. "War" singer Edwin
40. Fleur-de-__
42. Plane, in Paris
43. Rich cakes
45. "Heartbeat - It's a Love Beat": 1973 hit for Canadian band The __ Family
47. Hiawatha's grandmother in Longfellow's poem
49. __ truck
50. Soapbox
54. " __ and Bill" (1930) starring #51-Down
55. Bird beak



57. Brangelina, now
59. 24-hr. bankers
63. '90s series, "The Adventures of __ County, Jr."
64. BASE Jumping outfit
68. Actress Ms. Brennan
69. Canadian energy

- company
70. Associate
71. Congeniality

Down

1. Mr. Danson's
2. Raison d'__
3. Ms. Perlman
4. Musical pauses
5. Decade divs.

6. Membership __
7. Paddle
8. T-shirts sizes
9. Kathleen __, Ottawa-born singer/songwriter
10. __ Lake, Nfld.
11. Islamic leaders
12. Governing body of The Vatican

13. Southern Ontario: __-Severn Waterway
14. Twilled fabric
20. Rootier
22. Mr. Christie who plays Sergeant Mark Cross on CTV's "Motive"
23. __ tree
24. __ Avenue (Trendy

- locale in Winnipeg)
26. Light fog
27. Aware of a trick: 2 wds.
28. Way off
30. "thirtysomething" actress Ms. Harris
31. Slimly spread
33. Bit of food
35. Little __ (Singer of #37-Down)
36. Dryer buildup
37. "The __-Motion"
38. Toronto-born rapper aka Darrin O'Brien
41. Theological sch.
44. " __ Who's Cool" by Vancouver band Odds
46. Detective __ Tutuola (Character played by #58-Down)
48. Mr. Rock
50. Model/actress Ms. Rose
51. Cobourg, ON born actress Ms. Dressler
52. Flatfish type
53. By land __
56. Bathroom bowl
58. "Law & Order: SVU" actor
60. Slang sassiness
61. "Top Gun" (1986) flying foes
62. Jeanne d'Arc, et al.
64. Hair care brand
65. Pasta suffix
66. SNL's network
67. Crete's country, curtly

Yesterday's Crossword



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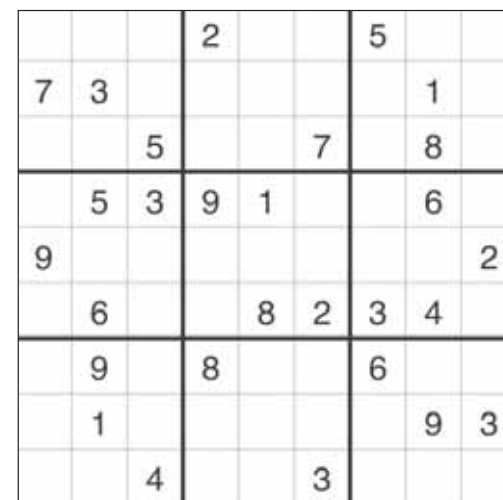


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Yesterday's Sudoku



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